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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 15, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN A. YARMUTH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Roderick Pearson, St. Mark Remnant Ministries, Central Islip, New York, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge You as the sovereign ruler of the universe and the divine guide for all of our lives. You said ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be open.

To Solomon, one of the world's richest and most powerful leaders of ancient times, You offered to him, "What shall I give to you?" We offer this prayer in the same spirit of Solomon:

O God, You have shown great mercy to our Nation because our forefathers walked in Your truth, in Your righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You. You continue to be kind towards us. You have given these, Your servants, the ability to govern and serve. Therefore, now give to them an understanding heart, wisdom to judge Your people, that they might discern between good and evil. Let Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

In the name of our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TONKO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND RODERICK PEARSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York, Congressman ISRAEL, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Reverend Roderick Pearson as guest chaplain. He is the founder and organizer of the St. Mark Remnant Ministries in Central Islip, Long Island.

On September 26, Reverend Pearson will celebrate 14 years of pastoral leadership. He is the President of the Islip branch of the NAACP. He received the NAACP National Thalheimer Award.

Reverend Pearson has devoted himself to fighting bigotry, to building bridges, and to lifting up communities. His presence, I hope, will inspire all of us on both sides of the aisle to do the same. It is with great pride that I welcome Reverend Roderick Pearson to the House this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ACCEPT AMENDMENT TO MAKE TAX CUTS PERMANENT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in 108 days, liberals will impose the largest tax increase in U.S. history. This \$3.9 trillion increase will impact every taxpayer, hurting small businesses and hardworking families by killing jobs, and a death tax devastating to family businesses such as auto dealers and farmers. I am offering an amendment to tomorrow's legislation that will prevent this job-killing tax increase by making the tax cuts permanent. I urge support for the amendment for an immediate up-or-down vote on tax cuts that are crucial to promoting jobs.

Freezing tax rates for 2 years is the first part of the two-part plan that Republicans have to create jobs in America. The second step is cutting spending by 20 percent to stop Washington's reckless spending. The time is now to act, and I urge the Rules Committee to allow an up-or-down vote on the amendment to offer tax relief to all hardworking Americans.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

SAFENET'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

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